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Subject: Coal Hollow Project -- Alton, Utah

To the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining:

I wish to express my feelings about the Alton Coal Project. I AM IN
FAVOR OF THE PROJECT!!

I have lived in Alton for nearly 30 years, and I have watched our county
and community become more depressed because of the lack of jobs, the
closing of Kaibab Industries, and families moving away because they
wouldn't have a future in Alton.

The Alton Coal mining operation would solve a variety of our problems.
It would provide jobs in the Town of Alton and in the surrounding
communities, it would provide a larger tax base for our county, it would
provide opportunities for our children and grandchildren to move back to
a place in which they want to live, it will provide lower cost coal to
our power plants, and it would help our community grow.

I know that a group of "anti-coal mining" exist; however, these people
do not live in our town, the surrounding communities, or in our county.
They are working from disinformation, and their arguments simply cannot
compete with the positive impact the Alton coal project will have.

As a citizen of Alton, I have appreciated the way the coal mining
developers have worked consistently with the landowners, citizens, and
Town government entities as they created this project. They have agreed
to the requests that have been made, and they have done everything they
could possibly do to maintain the safety and environment of Alton. They
have held many, many meetings with the landowners, Mayor, and Town
Board. They have not violated any of the Town ordinances in the
processes; I know this because I am Chairman of the Planning and Zoning
Commission.

This coal mining project will help our town; any comments just come down
to that fact. The project will not harm us. I say again, I am in favor
of the project.

Thank for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Wanda S. Heaton